



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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March 5, 2015

F. PHILIP FIERMONTE, TREASURER
PROGRESSIVE VOTERS OF AMERICA
PO BOX 852
BURLINGTON, VT 05402

Response Due Date
04/09/2015

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00406553

REFERENCE: YEAR-END REPORT (10/01/2014 - 12/31/2014)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 3 item(s):

1. The totals listed on Lines 21(b), 21(c), 23, and 29, Column B of the Detailed Summary Page(s) appear to be incorrect. Column B figures for the Summary and Detailed Summary Pages should equal the sum of the Column B figures on your previous report and the Column A figures on this report. Please file an amendment to your report to correct the Column B discrepancies for this report and all subsequent report(s) which may be affected by this correction. Note that Column B should reflect only the Calendar Year-to-Date totals. (52 U.S.C. §30104(b) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)))
2. Schedule B of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. Please be advised that 52 U.S.C. §30116(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. §441a(a)) prohibits a multicandidate committee and its affiliates from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election.

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

If any contribution you made exceeds the limits, you must request a refund of the excessive amount or provide a written authorization for a redesignation of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.2(b) within 60 days of the treasurer's

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receipt.

If the foregoing conditions for redesignations were not met within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt, your committee must obtain a refund of the excessive amount.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action promptly in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. (11 CFR §110.1(b))

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration. (11 CFR §103.3(b)(1) and (3))

3. Schedule B supporting Line 23 discloses one or more contributions to a candidate(s) for the 2014 General election; however, the funds were disbursed after the election date(s) (see attached). Please note that contributions may not be designated for an election which has already occurred unless the funds are to be used to reduce a candidate committee's debts incurred during that election campaign. (11 CFR §§110.1(b)(3) and 110.2(b)(3))

If any apparently impermissible contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. If the contribution(s) in question should have been designated for debt retirement, you should amend your report to indicate "debt retirement," along with the year of election.

If you have made an impermissible contribution, you must request a refund or provide a written authorization for a redesignation of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.2(b) within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt.

If the foregoing conditions for redesignations were not met within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt, your committee must obtain a refund. (11 CFR §103.3(b)(1) and (3))

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and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. (11 CFR §110.1(b))

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding this impermissible activity, your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

- It has come to the attention of the Federal Election Commission that the reports you have filed during the current election cycle do not reflect the appropriate coverage dates for quarterly filing status. Please be advised of the filing dates and coverage periods for the 2013-2014 election cycle and fill in the appropriate dates on Line 5 of the Summary Page. For your information and consideration when preparing future filing, refer to the schedule provided for your next filing. (52 U.S.C. §30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 434(a)) and 11 CFR §104.5(c))

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1169.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Fortkiewicz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kevin" and last name "Fortkiewicz" clearly distinguishable.

Kevin Fortkiewicz
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

**Excessive, Prohibited, and Impermissible Contributions
Progressive Voters of America (C00406553)**

Excessive Contributions to a Committee/Candidate Committee

Recipient Name	Date	Amount	Election	Report
Friends of Mary Landrieu	8/12/14	\$2,500.00	G2014	2014 October Quarterly
Friends of Mary Landrieu	9/18/14	\$2,500.00	G2014	2014 October Quarterly
Friends of Mary Landrieu	10/3/14	\$2,500.00	G2014	2014 Year-End
Friends of Mary Landrieu	11/28/14	\$2,500.00	G2014	2014 Year-End

Contributions Made After Election Date

Recipient Name	Date	Amount	Election	Election Date
Friends of Mary Landrieu	11/28/14	\$2,500.00	G2014	11/4/14

2013-2014 Coverage Periods and Filing Dates - Quarterly Filers

Report Type	Coverage Type	Due Dates
Mid-Year	1/1/13-6/30/13	July 31, 2013
Year-End	7/1/13-12/31/13	January 31, 2014
April Quarterly	1/1/14-3/31/14	April 15, 2014
July Quarterly	4/1/14-6/30/14	July 15, 2014
October Quarterly	7/1/14-9/30/14	October 15, 2014
12 Day Pre-General	10/1/14-10/15/14	October 23, 2014
30 Day Post-General	10/16/14-11/24/14	December 4, 2014
Year-End	11/25/14-12/31/14	January 31, 2015